

METHODIST CHURCH
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This was built in 1861. It is of native brick on a rough stone foundation. It was originally intended for a Congregational Church Mission and was built under the leadership of T. W. Tipton, at one time U. S. Senator. (1868) The building was sold to the Methodist Mission for \$800, one-half of which was subscribed in Brownville and the other half was raised in Illinois by Rev. Herman Burch, the Pastor. The first Nebraska-Kansas Methodist Episcopal Conference convened here April 5, 1861 under the leadership of Bishop Norris of Indiana. The Methodist Mission began to function and held services in the school house in 1856, and was formally organized as the first Methodist Episcopal Mission in Nebraska by Philo Gorton in 1858.

Chas. Steinbaugh

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